Editorial

Journal of Wrist Surgery Statistics in 2019

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In my first editorial in the fourth issue of 2016, I had made four promises with the readers: the Journal of Wrist Surgery would (1) continue to maintain high quality in its articles, (2) establish smooth review process, (3) create strong editorial board, and (4) obtain an impact factor to the journal. Although we could not have an impact factor this year, but the journal has several positive statistics in its record. We have observed a good amount of manuscript submissions to this journal: 136 in 2016, 122 in 2017, 122 in 2018, and 60 in the first half of 2019. Authors are widely distributed across North and South America, Europe, and Asia-Pacific region. Most downloaded articles gather more than 1,800 downloads, and we have five articles with more than 1,000 downloads. Total full-text HTML and PDF downloads of the articles in 2018 were more than 33,000, compared with approximate 10,000 in 2014, 13,000 in 2015, 17,000 in 2016, and 20,000 in 2017. In the first half of 2019, there were 16,000 downloads of the articles. Total abstract viewing was more than 67,000 in 2018 and 42,000 in the first half of 2019, compared with 15,000 in 2014 and 2015, 37,000 in 2016, and 52,000 in 2017. These positive statistics mean that the Journal of Wrist Surgery now gathers more interest from wrist surgeons and wrist investigators and has become much popular.

From this point of view, the journal needs more number of quality papers. The journal normally has one Special Review for the topic of specific interest, such as "Kienböck's disease," "wrist anatomy," and "wrist biomechanics"; interesting scientific articles; survey or meta-analysis; procedures; emerging technologies and new technological concepts; and case reports. From this year onward, 2019, the number of issues has increased to 6 per year. I, my assistant editors, and all editorial board members, are working hard to obtain an impact factor in 2020.

In this issue, the Special Review is "Treatment of Advanced Kienbock's Disease by a Shortening Osteotomy of the Radius" by Botelheiro et al. There are several treatment options for this mysterious, unsolved wrist disorders. Interesting wrist papers, such as long-term follow of Adams-Berger procedure reconstructing the radioulnar ligaments, wrist ganglion, treatment of distal radius fracture, total wrist arthroplasty, and interesting case reports are also included in this issue. Do not miss it.